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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY GATT COUNCIL AT
JULY 15 SESSION:

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1. EXPORT INFLATION INSURANCE. COUNCIL CHAIRMAN PROPOSED

TERMS OF REFERENCE PREVIOUSLY AGREED BETWEEN EC AND U.S. (GENEVA 4764). COUNCIL AT LAST ESTABLISHED WORKING PARTY BASED ON THESE TERMS OF REFERENCE WITHOUT DISCUSSION. MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL CPS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING; COUNCIL CHAIRM NOTED THAT SEVERAL CPS HAD AT PREVIOUS COUNCILS ALREADY INDICATED THEIR WISH TO PARTICIPATE. COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TO NOMINATE WP CHAIRMAN IN CONSULTATION WITH APPROPRIATE DELEGATIONS.

2. MIPS PANEL. PANEL ESTABLISHED. SEE SEPTTEL.

3. NON-FAT DRY MILK.U.S. REQUESTED PANEL UNDER GATT ARTICLE XXIII:2. SEE SEPTTEL.

4. ITALIAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEPOSITS. U.S. MADE POINTS IN STATE 174568. HOWEVER, ITALY SAID THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXTENSION OF SCHEME, AND EC RESISTED SCHEDULING BOP EXAMINATION. OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WERE WILLING TO DELAY DISCUSSION UNTIL NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. U.S. EXPRESSED OUR REGRET AT THIS DELAY AND SAID WE EXPECT BOP COMMITTEE REFERRAL TO TAKE PLACE AT NEXT COUNCIL. THUS, ITEM CARRIED OVER.

5. WP REPORT ON EC-ISRAEL AGREEMENT. ADOPTED.

6. WP REPORT ON NEW ZEALAND ON IMPORT DEPOSIT SCHEME. ADOPTED.

7. WP REPORT ON LOME CONVENTION. COUNCIL ADOPTED WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

8. BOP COMMITTEE REPORT AND URUGUAYAN IMPORT SURCHARGE WAIVER. EC REFERRED TO URUGUAYAN TENDENCY TO WITHHOLD LICENSES FOR IMPORTS FROM FRANCE AND SAID PROBLEM NEEDS SETTLING. WAIVER TEXT APPROVED. PER AUTHORITY IN PARA 6 OF REFTEL; U.S. VOTED FOR.

9. DATES OF 32D SESSION GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES. COUNCIL APPROVED MEETING OF 2-3 DAYS' DURATION BEGINNING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22.
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10. WP ON TRADE WITH POLAND. TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE TO CONDUCT ON BEHALF OF CPS NINTH ANNUAL CONSULTATION WITH POLAND PROVIDED IN PROTOCOL OF ACCESSION AND TO RE-EXAMINE QUESTION OF TERMINAL DATE FOR DISCRIMINATORY RESTRICTIONS PER SECTION 3A OF PROTOCOL. MEMBERS: ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BRAZIL, CANADA, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EC, FINLAND, HUNGARY, INDIA, JAPAN,

NORWAY, POLAND, ROMANIA, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, U.S.;
CHAIRMAN IS CHADHA OF INDIA.

11. WP ON CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET. TOMIC APPROVED AS
CHAIRMAN.

12. CANADIAN TARIFF WITHDRAWALS AGAINST EC. NOT DIS-
CUSSED. WE UNDERSTAND EC IS CONSIDERING ASKING FOR A
PANEL TO INVESTIGATE EC CHARGE THAT CANADIAN WITHDRAWALS
ARE ILLEGAL. THUS, ITEM MAY ARISE IN FUTURE COUNCILS.

13. OTHER BUSINESS. NEW INDONESIAN WAIVER. INDONESIA
NOTED THAT THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN WAIVER IN NOVEMBER '73 TO
APPLY NEW TARIFF WHICH IN SOME CASES VIOLATED BOUND
RATES AND THAT ORIGINAL WAIVER HAD BEEN EXTENDED IN
NOVEMBER OF '75, CURRENTLY SCHEDULED EXPIRE DECEMBER 31,
1976. UNEXPECTED ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL DIFFICUL-
TIES HAD DELAYED PROGRESS. INDONESIA NOTED THAT BRAZIL
HAD IN 1956 OBTAINED A WAIVER TO ELIMINATE ALL CONCES-
SIONS AND RENEGOTIATE AN ENTIRE NEW GATT SCHEDULE. IN
1975 INDONESIA CONSULTED WITH KEY GENEVA DELS RE POSSI-
BILITY OF OBTAINING SUCH A WAIVER;
INDONESIA CLAIMED ALL RESPONSES WERE POSITIVE. THUS,
INDONESIA WILL SOON SUBMIT A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR
CIRCULATION TO CPS AND HOPES COUNCIL CAN CONSIDER THE
REQUEST AT THE FIRST FALL SESSION. (COMMENT: SEE
75 GENEVA 5724 AND 75 GENEVA 9259 FOR PREVIOUS
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